

**§ 731. Allotments of public documents printed after expiration of terms of Members of Congress; rights of retiring Members to documents**

The Congressional allotment of public documents, other than the Congressional Record, printed after the expiration of the term of office of the Vice President of the United States, or Senator, Representative, or Resident Commissioner, shall be delivered to his successor in office.

Unless the Vice President of the United States, a Senator, Representative, or Resident Commissioner, having public documents to his credit at the expiration of his term of office takes them prior to the 30th day of June next following the date of expiration, he shall forfeit them to his successor in office.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1253.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 158 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 72, 28 Stat. 612; Mar. 18, 1924, ch. 60, 43 Stat. 24; June 18, 1934, ch. 606, § 1, 48 Stat. 1017).

Words "or her" deleted by authority of Title 1, sec. 1—"words importing masculine gender may be applied to females".

**§ 732. Time for distribution of documents by Members of Congress extended**

Reelected Members may distribute public documents to their credit, or the credit of their respective districts in the Interior or other Departments and bureaus, and in the Government Printing Office, during their successive terms and until their right to frank documents ends.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1253.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 159 (June 4, 1897, ch. 2, § 1, 30 Stat. 62).

**§ 733. Documents and reports ordered by Members of Congress; franks and envelopes for Members of Congress**

The Public Printer on order of a Member of Congress, on prepayment of the cost, may reprint documents and reports of committees together with the evidence papers submitted, or any part ordered printed by the Congress.

He may also furnish without cost to Members and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, blank franks printed on sheets and perforated, or singly at their option, for public documents. Franks shall contain in the upper left-hand corner the following words: "Public document. United States Senate" or "House of Representatives U.S." and in the upper right-hand corner the letters "U.S.S." or "M. C." But he may not print any other words except where it is desirable to affix the official title of a document. Other words printed on franks shall be at the personal expense of the Member or Resident Commissioner ordering them.

At the request of a Member of Congress or Resident Commissioner the Public Printer may print upon franks or envelopes used for mailing public documents the facsimile signature of the Member or Resident Commissioner and a special request for return if not called for, and the name

of the State or Commonwealth and county and city. The Member or Resident Commissioner shall deposit with his order the extra expense involved in printing these additional words.

The Public Printer may also, at the request of a Member or Resident Commissioner, print on envelopes authorized to be furnished, the name of the Member or Resident Commissioner, and State or Commonwealth, the date, and the topic or subject matter, not exceeding twelve words.

The Public Printer shall deposit moneys accruing under this section in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the appropriation made for the working capital of the Government Printing Office for the year in which the work is done. He shall account for them in his annual report to Congress.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1253; Pub. L. 93-191, § 8(a), Dec. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 745; Pub. L. 93-255, § 2(b), Mar. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 52; Pub. L. 99-87, § 1(c)(2), Aug. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 291.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 162 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 37, 28 Stat. 606; Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 189, § 1, 28 Stat. 961; Jan. 30, 1904, ch. 39, 33 Stat. 9; Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, § 1, 43 Stat. 1300).

Section 893 of Title 48, U.S. Code, provides that: "The Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico shall . . . be allowed the franking privilege granted Members of Congress."

By inference he should be included in section 733, since the franking privilege should include the means to use it.

Changes have been made in section 733 to include the Resident Commissioner as to printing of franks.

**AMENDMENTS**

1985—Pub. L. 99-87 temporarily inserted "Franks may also contain information relating to missing children as provided in section 3220 of title 39." before "But he may not print" in second par. See Termination Date of 1985 Amendment note below.

1974—Pub. L. 93-255 struck out "Postage paid by Congress." after "Public document." in second par.

1973—Pub. L. 93-191 substituted "Public document. Postage paid by Congress." for "Public document. Free." in second par.

**TERMINATION DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-87 not effective after Dec. 31, 2002, see section 5 of Pub. L. 99-87, as amended, set out as a Termination Date note under former section 3220 of Title 39, Postal Service.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-191 effective Dec. 18, 1973, see section 14 of Pub. L. 93-191, set out as a note under section 3210 of Title 39, Postal Service.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in title 2 section 31b-4; title 39 sections 3201, 3216.

**§ 734. Stationery and blank books for Congress**

Upon requisition of the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, respectively, the Public Printer shall furnish stationery, blank books, tables, forms, and other necessary papers preparatory to congressional legislation, required for the official use of the Senate and the House of Representatives, or their committees and officers. This does not prevent the purchase by the officers of the Senate

and House of Representatives of stationery and blank books necessary for sale to Senators and Members in the stationery rooms of the two Houses as provided by law.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1254.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §146 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §2, 28 Stat. 601; Mar. 1, 1907, ch. 2284, §1, 34 Stat. 1013).

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Stationery room of House of Representatives redesignated Office Supply Service.

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Certain functions of Officers of House of Representatives transferred to Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services by section 7 of House Resolution No. 423, One Hundred Second Congress, Apr. 9, 1992. Director of Non-legislative and Financial Services replaced by Chief Administrative Officer of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995.

### § 735. Binding for Senators

Each Senator is entitled to the binding in half morocco, or material not more expensive, of one copy of each public document to which he is entitled, an account of which shall be kept by the Secretary of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1254; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §223(4)(A), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1751.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §160 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §2, 28 Stat. 601; Mar. 1, 1907, ch. 2284, §1, 34 Stat. 1013).

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186, in section catchline, substituted “Senators” for “Members of Congress”, and in text, substituted “Senator” for “Member of Congress” and struck out “and Clerk of the House of Representatives, respectively” after “Secretary of the Senate”.

#### WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR BOUND COPIES OF DOCUMENTS

Pub. L. 94-59, title VIII, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 296, provided that: “Hereafter, notwithstanding any other provisions of law appropriations for the binding of copies of public documents by Committees for distribution to Senators and Representatives (including Delegates to Congress and the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico) shall not be available for a Senator or Representative unless such Senator or Representative specifically, in writing, requests that he receive bound copies of any such documents.”

### § 736. Binding at expense of Members of Congress

The Public Printer may bind at the Government Printing Office books, maps, charts, or documents published by authority of Congress, upon application of a Member of Congress, and payment of the actual cost of binding.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1254.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §171 (Dec. 10, 1877, ch. 6, 20 Stat. 5).

### § 737. Binding for Senate library

The Secretary of the Senate may make requisition upon the Public Printer for the binding

for the Senate library of books he considers necessary, at a cost not to exceed \$200 per year.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1254.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §168 (Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 189, §1, 28 Stat. 958).

### § 738. Binding of publications for distribution to libraries

The Public Printer shall supply the Superintendent of Documents with sufficient copies of publications distributed in unbound form, to be bound and distributed to the State libraries and other designated depositories for their permanent files. Every publication of sufficient size on any one subject shall be bound separately and receive the title suggested by the subject of the volume, and the others shall be distributed in unbound form as soon as printed. The library edition, as well as all other bound sets of congressional numbered documents and reports, shall be arranged in volumes and bound in the manner directed by the Joint Committee on Printing.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1254.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §143 (Jan. 15, 1908, No. 3, §2, 35 Stat. 566).

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 719 of this title.

### § 739. Senate and House document rooms; superintendents

There shall be one document room of the Senate and one of the House of Representatives, to be designated, respectively, the “Senate and House document room.” Each shall be in charge of a superintendent, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, respectively, together with the necessary assistants. The Senate document room shall be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1254; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §223(5), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1751.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §165 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §60, 28 Stat. 610; Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 830, §1, 31 Stat. 962).

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “Clerk” for “Doorkeeper”.

### § 740. Senate Service Department and House Publications Distribution Service; superintendents

There shall be a Senate Service Department and a House of Representatives Publications Distribution Service in the charge of superintendents, appointed respectively by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, together with the necessary assistants. Reports or documents to be distributed for the Senators and Representatives shall be folded and distrib-